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My dear Sir

Frederic Osby 1844-81
M/S collector
President Society
of Antiquaries

I have seen Mr Osby & he (as I expected he would) most willingly relinquishes to you the editing of the vol. of Leicester Correspondence while in Flanders. He desired me to add how much ^{he} shall be obliged to you for what you propose to do, and how much he thanks you for what you have already done.

He is, as I told you, a man in business in the City as a solicitor,

and has no peculiar qualifications for the task of editorship & no vanity whatever in connection with his MS.

You have already taken great pains with the subject & are in all respects most competent.

I have just finished the reading of your introduction to Hayward's "Elizabeth." It is excellent - quite a model of its kind. The body of the book I have not yet looked at, but I am sure it will do credit to the Camden Society & is a highly valuable contribution to history. This I gather from what you say of it, of course.

As to the title of my projected Vol of Miracle Plays, then I would word it, (or something like it) in the list

of intended publications -

"A Collection of Miracle Plays,
from the date of the earliest existing
specimen to the period when ~~that genre~~
they were superseded by Moral
Plays: including the ^{unique} Miracle Play
of Sir Jonathas. To be preceded by
a dissertation shewing the manner
in which the change from Miracle
Play to Moral Play was gradually
produced. By J. Payne Collier F. S. A.

I hope you will not think
the above too long - If you approve
it, perhaps you will send it to Mr
Nichols.

Our new list should be
printed ^{so as} to be sent to all members
by the penny post, should it not?

Yrs sincerely

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